

**The Autism Model School  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Meeting Start:** 5:30 PM

**Attending:** Bruce Weinberg, Linell Weinberg, Lisa Marsalek, Kim Veizer, Toni Gerber, Mark Greenblatt, Kathleen Cott-Johnson

**Excused:** Jim Rothschild, Raj Parikh, Isaac Demarest

**Also Attending:** Joel Vidovic, Executive Director; Marcus Flynn – Recorder of Minutes; Brittany Beck, Sponsor Representative - ESC Lake Erie West

**Meeting began at 5:30 PM**

**I. Agenda**

- a. Discussion and approval.
  - i. **Motion to approve the March agenda as written:**
    - 1. **Weinberg, L.**
    - 2. **Marsalek**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Gerber**

**II. Welcome and Public Comments**

- a. None to present

**III. Minutes**

- a. Discussion and approval of minutes from the February 2025 board meeting.
  - i. **Motion to approve the February 2025 Minutes as written:**
    - 1. **Veizer**
    - 2. **L. Weinberg**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Gerber**

**IV. Standing Reports**

- a. Financial Report
  - i. The Board reviewed and discussed the February 2025 financial report.
    - 1. **Motion to approve February 2025 Financial reports:**
      - a. **Cott-Johnson**
      - b. **Veizer**
        - i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Gerber**
- b. Sponsor Representative Report
  - i. Brittany Beck presented the Sponsor Representative Report for March 2025

- ii. There were no questions.
- iii. February site visit went well.
- iv. The monthly site visit will be Friday March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025

c. Policies and Procedures

1. Revision to Policy regarding Political Beliefs

a. Reviewed and Discussed

i. **Motion to approve the revision to Policy 18.07 - Political Beliefs:**

1. **Gerber**

2. **Cott-Johnson**

a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Gerber**

**V. Director's Report**

a. Staffing Update for February 2025

i. Reviewed and Discussed

1. **Motion to approve the February 2025 Staff Changes:**

a. **Gerber**

b. **Weinberg, L.**

i. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Gerber**

b. Current Funding

- i. Annual State funding projections remained stable in the March payment report. The tiny decrease in the March payment projections is due to two IEP's that were delayed from being entered into EMIS. Both IEP's have since been entered have already been corrected and the changes resulting will be retroactive.
- ii. This month's payment report reflected enrollment of 94.72 students, a small increase from the previous month. This is the result of 1 additional student being enrolled on February 24th.
- iii. This months' State payment report reflects a small decrease in Cat 6 FTE- resulting from the two IEP's that were delayed from being entered into EMIS.

c. Software Update

- i. University of Nebraska's IT department approved IDAPT to be used within the context of a formal study of efficacy. The study would compare IDAPT to "Job-Training as Usual".
- ii. Met with UNMC research team on 3/6/25 to introduce basic functionality of IDAPT.

d. Security Fundraiser

- i. General Builders installed 40 new interior doors with NiteLock security system on February 23rd and February 24th.
  - 1. Our order was short two doors- we are still waiting on those to be installed.

- ii. Habitec Security installed 3 access control panels (front entrance, side entrance, and annex).
    - 1. Waiting on intercom and camera for front entrance so that we can initiate second project with General Builders to seal the front office window kiosk.
- e. GRANT UPDATES - Awarded
  - i. OH Attorney General School Safety Program Grant- Awarded a \$40,000 grant to support security upgrades. Grant proposal targeted supporting the costs of the new doors.
  - ii. OH Attorney General School Safety Formula Grant- Awarded \$2500 to support purchase of new two-way radios.
  - iii. FY25 Title I Non-Competitive School Improvement Additional Allocation- \$50,000 to support Summer Learning Programs.
  - iv. FY25 Expanding Opportunities for Every Child Additional Allocation- \$50,000 to support Summer Learning Program.
  - v. Directions Credit Union Classroom Grant- \$500 to support Prom
- f. GRANTS- DENIED
  - i. Building Hope: Impact Awards- Unfortunately, AMS did not make it past the semifinalist round.
    - 1. We will try again next year!
- g. GRANTS- SUBMITTED
  - i. Toledo Rotary Foundation- Submitted a \$10,000 request targeting upgrades to our PAES Lab (Practical Assessment and Exploration System) Program.
    - 1. We made it to the 2nd round in the award process and held a site visit with a representative from the Rotary on Friday, March 7th.
  - ii. John Henry Eldred Jr. Foundation- Submitted \$30,000 request for funding for Summer Learning Program.
  - iii. Katherine R. Smith Fund (GTCF) - Submitted \$5000 request to support Summer Learning Program.
  - iv. Bill Rowles Youth Fund (GTCF)- Submitted \$2000 request to support Summer Learning Program.
- h. GRANTS- IN PROGRESS/COMING UP
  - i. Dollar General Literacy Grant- Working on \$5000 request for Summer Learning Program.

- i. Response to Special Education Compliance Review Completed by ESCLEW
  - i. Reviewed and Discussed

## **VI. Development Director's Report**

- a. Development Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

## **VII. Transportation Directors Report**

- a. Transportation Director Report was reviewed and discussed.

## **VIII. Old Business**

- a. Sunshine Law Training
  - i. Reviewed and Discussed
  - ii. 4 of 10 Board Members are now compliant for current year

- b. AHERA Inspection and Management Plan
  - i. Reviewed and discussed

**IX. New Business**

- a. Benefit Renewal- No Shop Proposal from Anthem BlueCross/BlueShield of Ohio
  - i. **Motion to approve the 5% increase across all premium plans as explained by Joel Vidovic**
    - 1. **Greenblatt**
    - 2. **Weinberg, L.**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Gerber**
- b. Painting of New Interior Doors
  - i. **Motion to approve up to \$10,000 to finish the painting of all interior doors**
    - 1. **Marsalek**
    - 2. **Cott-Johnson**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Gerber**
- c. Updated Policies and Procedures from Massa Financial Services
  - i. **Motion to approve the financial policy as explained by Joel Vidovic**
    - 1. **Gerber**
    - 2. **Marsalek**
      - a. **Vote – Yes – Unanimous: L. Weinberg, Marsalek, Veizer, Greenblatt, Cott-Johnson, Gerber**

**Motion to adjourn at 6:12 PM**

- 1. **Greenblatt**

The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held at the office of Mark Greenblatt, located at 7150 W. Central Avenue, Ste. 100 Toledo, Ohio 43617